

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES.

SECOND SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The First Session of the Second Parliament was prorogued by His Excellency the Governor on the 28th November, 1894, to the 27th March, 1895; thence to the 14th May; and thence to the 4th June for the despatch of business; and the Second Session commenced on that day.

Parliament was opened by Commission.

Legislative Council,

Tuesday, 4th June, 1895.

Opening of Council—New Member—Administrator's Commissioner: attendance of—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) took the chair at 3 o'clock p.m.

The Clerk of Parliaments read the proclamation convening Parliament.

NEW MEMBER.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir George Shenton): I have to report that since the last meeting of this House I have received the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Wittenoom. I issued a new writ, and it appears from the return to it that Mr. E. H. Wittenoom has been elected a member for the Central Province.

THE HON. E. H. WITTENOOM having been introduced by the Hon. J. W. Hackett took and subscribed the oaths required by law.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMISSIONER.

THE HON. E. A. STONE, having been appointed His Excellency the Administrator's Commissioner, attended the Chamber and commanded the Usher to summon the members of the Legislative Assembly, who being come with their Speaker.

THE COMMISSIONER spoke as follows:—

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I have it in command from His Excellency

the Administrator to inform you that a vacancy having occurred in the Legislative Assembly, owing to the acceptance of an office of profit from the Crown by the member for the DeGrey, it is His Excellency's pleasure that an opportunity may be given to issue a writ for supplying the vacancy so occasioned, and that after a suitable recess you may proceed to the consideration of such matters as will then be laid before you.

The Commissioner then left the Chamber and the members of the Legislative Assembly retired.

ADJOURNMENT.

THE MINISTER FOR MINES (Hon. E. H. Wittenoom): I think, perhaps, before I proceed to move the resolution I propose to, some few words of apology are due to the House on account of its having been called together at the present time. Hon. members are aware, from what has fallen from His Excellency's Commissioner, of the reasons which have necessitated the early summoning of Parliament, and it is unfortunate that these circumstances have arisen, thus causing hon. members some little trouble and, perhaps, inconvenience. The Minister for Lands having got into the position he has done, it has been found necessary to adopt the present means of procedure to enable him to regain his seat. With these words of apology to the House, I beg to move, "That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 25th June, at 3 o'clock p.m."

Question put and passed.

The House, then, at 3.23 o'clock p.m., adjourned accordingly.